

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend page 1, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph as follows:

The present invention relates to an interrogator that exchanges information with transponders by using an RF signal of the ~~macro-wave~~ microwave band, specifically to an interrogator provided with antennas suitable for exchanging RF signals with multiple transponders.

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure currently on file with the attached substitute Abstract.